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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR
FEBRUARY 9, 1977:

Q. CAN YOU TELL US WHY ISRAELI AMBASSADOR DINITZ WAS IN
TO SEE MR. HABIB YESTERDAY?

A. I THINK THEY DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF THINGS WITH REGARD
TO THE SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP AND OTHER MATTERS OF
COMMON INTEREST.

Q. SUCH AS?

A. WELL, I AM NOT GOING TO LIST THEM ALL. I DO NOT KNOW
THEM ALL, IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND I WOULD NOT BE AT
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LIBERTY TO IN ANY EVENT.

Q. HOW ABOUT SOUTHERN LEBANON?

A. LEBANON -- THE QUESTION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON, AS I
UNDERSTAND IT, WAS DISCUSSED.

Q. CONCUSSION BOMBS?

A. QUESTIONS ONE AT A TIME, PLEASE.

Q. ON JIM'S QUESTION, THERE ARE REPORTS SAYING THAT
MR. HABIB TRANSMITTED TO MR. DINITZ A NOTE BY MR. SARKIS
SAYING THAT THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO
DISCUSS WITH ISRAEL THE QUESTION OF THE SYRIAN TROOPS
AROUND NABATIYA, AND SO ON. IN OTHER WORDS, MR. HABIB
WOULD HAVE BEEN SORT OF A GO-BETWEEN DINITZ AND MR. SARKIS.

A. I CANNOT CONFIRM ANYTHING AS PRECISE AS THAT. I THINK

THAT WAS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.

Q. WAS A NOTE HANDED OVER?

A. I HAVE NOTHING IN DETAIL ON THE MEETING AT ALL.

Q. CAN YOU ENDEAVOR TO TAKE THAT NARROW QUESTION?

A. I AM NOT GOING TO GET AN ANSWER TO SUCH A NARROW QUESTION. WE HAVE HAD THIS SO MANY TIMES BEFORE -- WHAT DID A GIVEN AMBASSADOR DISCUSS WITH EITHER THE SECRETARY OR ONE OF THE OTHER PRINCIPALS IN THE BUILDING -- AND I AM NOT GOING TO GET A POSITION ON THAT.

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